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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2745

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SUBJ: GUINEA BISSAU: APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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1. SC PRESIDENT MALIK (USSR) SUDDENLY CALLED SC MEMBERSHIP FOR COLLECTIVE CONSULTATIONS 11:00 AM AUG 8 TO DEAL WITH GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT PROMPTED MALIK TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME. IT WOULD BE IN CHARACTER FOR HIM TO ATTEMPT TO CREATE ARTIFICIAL MOMENTUM EVEN IN ABSENCE OF NEW GUINEA-BISSAU INITIATIVE ON APPLICATION WHICH THEY HAVE HITHERTO BEEN WILLING TO LET LIE PENDING EVOLUTION IN PORTUGUESE-PAIGC NEGOTIATIONS. IN BEST CASE, IF G-B REP HAS NOT TAKEN INITIATIVE, AND IS WILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAYING HE IN NO HURRY, MALIK'S CONSULTATIONS MAY COME TO NOUGHT. IN WORST CASE, MALIK MIGHT CALL MEETING OF SC FOR PURPOSE OF REFERRING G-B APPLICATION TO ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE AS EARLY AS AFTERNOON AUGUST 8 OR FOLLOWING DAY. IN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE ISSUE WOULD BE WHETHER TO RECOMMEND TO SC THAT G-B APPLICATION BE APPROVED, POSSIBLY URGENTLY, AND REFERRED FORTHWITH FOR INCLUSION ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA.

3. SINCE ISSUE AROSE LATE IN DAY, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE YET TO CONSULT WIDELY. NO SC DELEGATION, HOWEVER, IS KNOWN TO BE DISPOSED TO RESIST REAL PRESSURE FOR PROMPT ACTION ON G-B APPLICATION. BRITISH TELL US THEY ARE RECOMMENDING TO LONDON THAT THEY BE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR G-B APPLICATION EVEN IF MATTER PRECIPITATED BEFORE TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY FORMALIZED. AUSTRIANS TELL US THEY ALSO WOULD HAVE TO "GO ALONG," ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR G-B, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT YET RECOGNIZED G-B AS INDEPENDENT STATE. FRENCH TOOK NON-COMMITAL POSITION.
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KENYAN HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF MEETING.

4. MAURITANIAN DEPUTY PERMREP OULD MOULOUD HAILED POLCOUNS AT UN FOLLOWING MALIK CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS. PROFESSING NOT TO HAVE BEEN "GUINEAN AMBASSADOR" TODAY, OULD MOULOUD SAID G-B REP HAD TOLD HIM RECENTLY THAT "HIS GOVT" WISHED ORDERLY TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY WITH CONTINUING PORTUGUESE COOPERATION. POLCOUNS MADE POINT THAT IF ANY "OUTSIDE POWER"

ATTEMPTED TO FORCE UN ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WITH
DISORDERLY HASTE IT WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE ACTING IN AFRICAN
INTEREST. OULD MOULOUD AGREED. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT
QUESTIONS, POLCOUNS TOLD OULD MOULOUD USUN HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS,
NOTED RECENT NEWS OF CONSTRUCTIVE MOVEMENT, AND SAID US HOPED
THAT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS COULD PROCEED IN ORDERLY
TENSION-FREE WAY.

5. FAILING TO RAISE ANYONE AT PORTUGUESE MISSION IN NEW YORK,
AMB BENNETT TELEPHONED AMB THEMIDO (AN OLD FRIEND) TO ALERT HIM.
THEMIDO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO
OUR POSTURE IN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE IF WE ARE UNABLE TO PREVENT
URGENT COMMITTEE MEETING.
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